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Private Schools by State

The proportion of all schools that are private schools varied widely by State from 33 percent in the District of Columbia and Hawaii to only 4 percent in Utah and Oklahoma. The following are the 10 States with the highest and lowest proportions of private schools (11 where there is a tie for 10th place):

State	Percent private schools	State	Percent private schools
District of Columbia	33	Utah	4
Hawaii	33	Oklahoma	4
New York	32	West Virginia	7
Delaware	31	Wyoming	7
Pennsylvania	31	Alaska	8
Wisconsin	30	Idaho	8
Florida	28	North Dakota	8
Rhode Island	27	Arkansas	9
New Jersey	26	Montana	9
California	26	Kansas	11
		Texas	11

Private School Enrollment

The proportion of private school enrollment also varied considerably by State from 19 percent in Delaware to 2 percent in Utah. The proportions for enrollment are systematically lower than the proportions for schools because of the generally smaller

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size of private schools. In fall 1980, the average school size for private schools was 239 and for public schools, 475. Shown below are the 10 States with the highest and lowest proportions of private school enrollment:

High		Low	
State	Percent private school enrollment	State	Percent private school enrollment
Delaware	19	Utah	2
Hawaii	18	Oklahoma	3
Louisiana	18	Idaho	3
District of Columbia	18	Wyoming	3
Pennsylvania	18	West Virginia	3
New York	17	Arkansas	4
Rhode Island	17	Alaska	4
Wisconsin	16	Nevada	4
New Jersey	16	North Carolina	5
Illinois	15	Texas	5
		Montana	5

The ordering of States "as percent private schools" and "percent private enrollment" is generally similar. There are, however, some States with disparate rankings: Louisiana, which ranks 12th in terms of percent of private schools (not shown in tabulation), is 3rd under percent private school enrollment (see tables 1 and 2). Differences in State rankings for the two characteristics are due to differences in the relative size of private schools to public schools in each State.

Of the 10 States with the highest percent private school enrollment, 6 were in the North Atlantic Region (Delaware, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, New York, Rhode Island, and New Jersey). In the category of lowest percent private school enrollment, 8 of the 10 States were found in the West and Southwest Region (Utah, Oklahoma, Idaho, Wyoming, Alaska, Nevada, Texas, and Montana).

Religious Affiliation of Private School Enrollment

Nearly 84 percent or 4.2 million private school students attended schools reporting a religious affiliation. Iowa and Nebraska reported the highest proportion of enrollment in private schools with religious affiliation (98 and 97 percent, respectively). Of the 10 States with the lowest proportion of enrollment with religious affiliation, only 2, Mississippi and Georgia (40 and 46 percent, respectively), had a proportion lower than 50 percent.

The 10 States with the highest and lowest proportions of religiously affiliated private school enrollment are:

High		Low	
State	Percent private school enrollment that is religiously affiliated	State	Percent private school enrollment that is religiously affiliated
Iowa	98	Mississippi	40
Nebraska	97	Georgia	46
Wisconsin	96	South Carolina	51
Ohio	95	Maine	54
Minnesota	94	Vermont	57
Idaho	94	North Carolina	58
West Virginia	93	Alabama	60
Missouri	93	Hawaii	65
Illinois	93	Virginia	65
Indiana	93	Utah	67

Michigan, Rhode Island, and Pennsylvania also had more than 90 percent of their private school students in religiously affiliated schools (see table 3). Of the 10 States with relatively high religiously affiliated private school enrollment, 8 States (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, and Wisconsin) were found in the Great Lakes and Plains Region. On the other hand, 6 of the 10 States with relatively low proportions of religiously affiliated private school students (Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama, and Virginia) were in the Southeast Region.

Catholic School Enrollment

Catholic schools enrolled about 64 percent of the total number of private school students in the United States and 75 percent of the total number attending religiously affiliated schools. A greater proportion of private school students in Ohio and Rhode Island attended Catholic schools than in any other States in the country (85 and 84 percent, respectively). At the same time, South Carolina, Georgia, and North Carolina reported the lowest proportion (15, 16, and 16 percent, respectively). In Idaho and Alaska, a relatively small proportion of private school students attended Catholic schools (38 and 27 percent respectively). However, the proportion of religiously affiliated private school students in both States was very high (94 and 86 percent, respectively) (see table 3).

The 10 States with the highest and lowest proportions of private school students in Catholic schools are:

High		Low	
State	Percent private school enrollment that is Catholic	State	Percent private school enrollment that is Catholic
Ohio	85	South Carolina	15
Rhode Island	84	Georgia	16
New Jersey	83	North Carolina	16
Iowa	81	Tennessee	22
Illinois	80	Mississippi	23
Nebraska	79	Alabama	23
Pennsylvania	78	Alaska	27
North Dakota	77	Virginia	30
Massachusetts	76	Florida	36
Missouri	76	Idaho	38
Kansas	76		

High School Graduates of Private Schools

Nearly 3.6 million students graduated from high school or the equivalent in the United States during the spring and summer of 1980. Private schools graduated close to 300,000 students, or more than 8 percent of the total number of graduating students (see table 4).

Vermont and the District of Columbia reported the highest proportion of graduating seniors from private schools (33 and 21 percent, respectively). In 11 other States, more than 11 percent of the students who graduated received their degrees from private secondary schools. On the other hand, 18 States reported less than 5 percent of their students graduating from private schools (see also table 4).

Pupil-Teacher Ratios of Private Schools

In school year 1980-81, private schools had an overall lower pupil-teacher ratio (17.9) than public schools (18.8). It is interesting to note that this does not hold for 13 States.

In fall 1980, Vermont and the District of Columbia had lower pupil-teacher ratios (11 to 1 and 12 to 1, respectively) in private schools than any other State (see table 5). Illinois, Michigan, and Nevada reported more than 20 students for every teacher in private schools.

Methodology

Private School Data

The private school statistics in this report are derived from the NCES 1980-81 private elementary and secondary school survey. The major purposes of this survey were to update the NCES 1978-79 list of private elementary and secondary schools and to report basic statistics from this updated list.

Contracts were awarded to two organizations to perform the survey functions. The National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) surveyed the Catholic schools and Evaluation Policy Research Associates surveyed the non-Catholic private schools. The procedure followed by both organizations was similar: First, a list of all private schools was developed. Second, a survey questionnaire was mailed to every school on the list. Schools that did not respond to the first mailing were sent additional questionnaires, and in some cases, phone calls were made to obtain their responses. The list construction for the Catholic schools was relatively simple because of the existing diocesan school system network. The list was developed for the non-Catholic private schools by searching the 1978-79 NCES private school universe, State and local government directories of schools, and private school association directories, and by contacting local and regional private school authorities.

The survey objective, though unachievable, was to obtain information from every private elementary and secondary school that had a first or higher grade and enrolled students in the 1980-81 school year. Despite the efforts devoted to searching for schools, some schools were not included or were not contacted. Other schools failed to respond to one or more items on the questionnaire. These nonresponses were handled differently.

If a school was identified as operating in 1980-81 school year (even by the return of the questionnaire with a refusal to cooperate) the school was considered open. Any items not completed by open schools were imputed by using data from earlier surveys. In the few cases where these data were not available, the value from a similar school was used for imputation. Imputed values resulting from this imputation procedure amounted to 1 percent of the total students, 3 percent of the total teachers, and 6 percent of the total high school graduates.

The other type of nonresponse — the failure to include some open schools — was examined through the Statistical Analysis Group in Education (SAGE). SAGE conducted an intensive search in 21 sites across the country to help evaluate the undercoverage of the private school survey. It was determined from those sites that 100 percent of the Catholic schools and 75 percent of the non-Catholic schools were covered by the NCES list. Although the results of this study are not definitive because of its small size, they do indicate that the number of schools reported may be underestimated by as much as 15 percent and the total number of students, by 5 percent. The study also concludes that the undercoverage was greatest for small, non-Catholic schools and for new schools.

Public School Data

The public school statistics contained in this report are taken from the NCES early release, Statistics in Public School Systems, Fall 1980. Data for the number of public high school graduates are taken from 1980 unpublished tabulations. All numbers are preliminary and are subject to some slight revision. The final estimates will be given in *Statistics of Public and Elementary School Systems, Schools, Students, and Staff, Fall 1980.*

Another source of potential error in these reports resulted because NCES had to estimate data for seven States that failed to report classroom teachers and pupil membership for fall 1980 and for five States that failed to report the number of teachers, pupils, and schools by the cutoff date.

The NCES estimate of October 1, 1980 membership for a State was computed by subtracting the previous year's 12th grade enrollment from total enrollment and adding the 1st grade enrollment of that year to the difference. The number of classroom teachers was estimated by applying the percent change in classroom teachers between 1978 and 1979 to the 1979 figure.

The number of schools was estimated by adding to the 1979 figure the difference in the number of schools from 1978 to 1979. The number of graduates was reported by every State.

For more information about the Center's statistical program, contact the Statistical Information Office, National Center for Education Statistics, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., 1001 Presidential Building, Washington, D.C. 20202, telephone (301) 436-7900.

Tables

Table 1.--Elementary and secondary schools, by public and private control and by State: October 1980

State	Total	Public	Private	Percent public	Percent private
Total	107,266	86,266	21,000	80.4	19.6
Alabama	1,644	1,394	250	84.8	15.2
Alaska	469	433	36	92.3	7.7
Arizona	1,170	946	224	80.9	19.1
Arkansas	1,305	1,188	117	91.0	9.0
California	9,616	7,172	2,444	74.6	25.4
Colorado	1,509	1,280	229	84.8	15.2
Connecticut	1,381	1,045	336	75.7	24.3
Delaware	266	184	82	69.2	30.8
District of Columbia	280	187	93	66.8	33.2
Florida	2,910	2,084	826	71.6	28.4
Georgia	2,172	1,833	339	84.4	15.6
Hawaii	344	230	114	66.9	33.1
Idaho	596	550	46	92.3	7.7
Illinois	5,664	4,304	1,360	76.0	24.0
Indiana	2,562	2,079	483	81.1	18.9
Iowa	2,084	1,793	291	86.0	14.0
Kansas	1,728	1,541	187	89.2	10.8
Kentucky	1,700	1,407	293	82.8	17.2
Louisiana	1,972	1,522	450	77.2	22.8
Maine	933	819	114	87.8	12.2
Maryland	1,699	1,322	377	77.8	22.2
Massachusetts	2,783	2,264	519	81.4	18.6
Michigan	4,727	3,837	890	81.2	18.8
Minnesota	2,357	1,870	487	79.3	20.7
Mississippi	1,225	1,057	168	86.3	13.7
Missouri	2,761	2,189	572	79.3	20.7
Montana	845	767	78	90.8	9.2
Nebraska	1,929	1,697	232	88.0	12.0
Nevada	315	276	39	87.6	12.4
New Hampshire	558	456	102	81.7	18.3
New Jersey	3,240	2,401	839	74.1	25.9
New Mexico	731	618	113	84.5	15.5
New York	6,066	4,143	1,923	68.3	31.7
North Carolina	2,328	2,032	296	87.3	12.7
North Dakota	783	719	64	91.8	8.2
Ohio	4,831	3,958	873	81.9	18.1
Oklahoma	1,977	1,895	82	95.9	4.1
Oregon	1,487	1,303	184	87.6	12.4
Pennsylvania	5,377	3,734	1,643	69.4	30.6
Rhode Island	441	324	117	73.5	26.5
South Carolina	1,356	1,153	203	85.0	15.0
South Dakota	859	751	108	87.4	12.6
Tennessee	2,036	1,741	295	85.5	14.5
Texas	6,194	5,522	672	89.2	10.8
Utah	663	637	26	96.1	3.9
Vermont	452	390	62	86.3	13.7
Virginia	2,157	1,794	363	83.2	16.8
Washington	2,081	1,751	330	84.1	15.9
West Virginia	1,231	1,145	86	93.0	7.0
Wisconsin	3,047	2,134	913	70.0	30.0
Wyoming	425	395	30	92.9	7.1

Table 2.--Public and private elementary and secondary school enrollment, by State: October 1980

State	Total	Public	Private	Percent public	Percent private
Totals.....	45,977,965	40,949,100	5,028,865	89.1	10.9
Alabama.....	829,506	766,602	62,904	92.4	7.6
Alaska.....	90,314	86,514	3,800	95.8	4.2
Arizona.....	553,535	512,991	40,544	92.7	7.3
Arkansas.....	466,503	447,700	18,803	96.0	4.0
California.....	4,581,107	4,060,667	520,440	88.6	11.4
Colorado.....	581,361	546,033	35,328	93.9	6.1
Connecticut.....	620,495	531,459	89,036	85.7	14.3
Delaware.....	122,777	99,403	23,374	81.0	19.0
District of Columbia...	121,252	100,049	21,203	82.5	17.5
Florida.....	1,715,393	1,510,225	205,168	88.0	12.0
Georgia.....	1,152,924	1,068,737	84,187	92.7	7.3
Hawaii.....	202,215	165,068	37,147	81.6	18.4
Idaho.....	209,086	203,247	5,839	97.2	2.8
Illinois.....	2,344,077	1,983,463	360,614	84.6	15.4
Indiana.....	1,155,952	1,055,589	100,363	91.3	8.7
Iowa.....	589,558	533,857	55,701	90.6	9.4
Kansas.....	449,722	415,291	34,431	92.3	7.7
Kentucky.....	740,942	669,789	71,153	90.4	9.6
Louisiana.....	944,024	777,560	166,464	82.4	17.6
Maine.....	240,237	222,497	17,740	92.6	7.4
Maryland.....	858,303	750,665	107,638	87.5	12.5
Massachusetts.....	1,162,750	1,021,885	140,865	87.9	12.1
Michigan.....	2,078,505	1,863,419	215,086	89.7	10.3
Minnesota.....	847,025	756,468	90,557	89.3	10.7
Mississippi.....	527,175	477,059	50,116	90.5	9.5
Missouri.....	974,950	844,648	130,302	86.6	13.4
Montana.....	164,637	156,969	7,668	95.3	4.7
Nebraska.....	320,164	280,430	39,734	87.6	12.4
Nevada.....	156,122	149,481	6,641	95.7	4.3
New Hampshire.....	192,251	171,530	20,721	89.2	10.8
New Jersey.....	1,482,585	1,249,000	233,585	84.2	15.8
New Mexico.....	294,201	275,799	18,402	93.7	6.3
New York.....	3,455,001	2,871,004	583,997	83.1	16.9
North Carolina.....	1,187,968	1,129,376	58,592	95.1	4.9
North Dakota.....	127,544	116,885	10,659	91.6	8.4
Ohio.....	2,226,176	1,957,381	268,795	87.9	12.1
Oklahoma.....	594,142	577,807	16,335	97.3	2.7
Oregon.....	492,788	464,599	28,189	94.3	5.7
Pennsylvania.....	2,317,101	1,909,820	407,281	82.4	17.6
Rhode Island.....	178,195	148,320	29,875	83.2	16.8
South Carolina.....	668,842	619,223	49,619	92.6	7.4
South Dakota.....	139,405	128,507	10,898	92.2	7.8
Tennessee.....	926,208	853,569	72,639	92.2	7.8
Texas.....	3,052,536	2,900,073	152,463	95.0	5.0
Utah.....	349,173	343,618	5,555	98.4	1.6
Vermont.....	103,370	95,815	7,555	92.7	7.3
Virginia.....	1,086,455	1,010,371	76,084	93.0	7.0
Washington.....	812,533	756,583	55,950	93.1	6.9
West Virginia.....	396,125	383,503	12,622	96.8	3.2
Wisconsin.....	993,414	830,247	163,167	83.6	16.4
Wyoming.....	101,341	98,305	3,036	97.0	3.0

Table 3.--Enrollment in elementary and secondary private schools, by religious affiliation of school and by State: October 1980

State	Total		Affiliated						Not Affiliated	
			Total		Catholic		Non-Catholic			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
U.S. Total	5,028,865	100.0	4,226,491	84.0	3,190,687	63.4	1,035,804	20.6	802,374	16.0
Alabama	62,904	100.0	38,016	60.4	14,720	23.4	23,296	37.0	24,888	39.6
Alaska	3,800	100.0	3,232	85.1	1,029	27.1	2,203	58.0	568	14.9
Arizona	40,544	100.0	29,555	72.9	18,536	45.7	11,019	27.2	10,989	27.1
Arkansas	18,803	100.0	13,608	72.4	7,603	40.4	6,005	31.9	5,195	27.6
California	520,440	100.0	415,976	79.9	267,071	51.3	148,905	28.6	104,464	20.1
Colorado	35,328	100.0	27,993	79.2	17,120	48.5	10,873	30.8	7,335	20.8
Connecticut	89,036	100.0	67,875	76.2	62,129	69.8	5,746	6.5	21,161	23.8
Delaware	23,374	100.0	19,022	81.4	14,725	63.0	4,297	18.4	4,352	18.6
District of Columbia	21,203	100.0	16,567	78.1	12,214	57.6	4,353	20.5	4,636	21.9
Florida	205,168	100.0	154,964	75.5	74,268	36.2	80,696	39.3	50,204	24.5
Georgia	84,187	100.0	38,889	46.2	13,297	15.8	25,592	30.4	45,298	53.8
Hawaii	37,147	100.0	23,981	64.6	15,059	40.5	8,922	24.0	13,166	35.4
Idaho	5,839	100.0	5,462	93.5	2,189	37.5	3,273	56.0	377	6.5
Illinois	360,614	100.0	334,036	92.6	288,130	79.9	45,906	12.7	26,578	7.4
Indiana	100,363	100.0	92,930	92.6	63,366	63.1	29,564	29.5	7,433	7.4
Iowa	55,701	100.0	54,359	97.6	45,256	81.2	9,103	16.3	1,342	2.4
Kansas	34,431	100.0	30,917	89.8	26,152	76.0	4,765	13.8	3,514	10.2
Kentucky	71,153	100.0	59,837	84.1	51,368	72.2	8,469	11.9	11,316	15.9
Louisiana	166,464	100.0	136,288	81.9	119,642	71.9	16,646	10.0	30,176	18.1
Maine	17,740	100.0	9,538	53.8	6,733	38.0	2,805	15.8	8,202	46.2
Maryland	107,638	100.0	88,565	82.3	68,645	63.8	19,920	18.5	19,073	17.7
Massachusetts	140,865	100.0	112,460	79.8	107,252	76.1	5,208	3.7	28,405	20.2
Michigan	215,086	100.0	198,477	92.3	131,363	61.1	67,114	31.2	16,609	7.7
Minnesota	90,557	100.0	85,016	93.9	64,909	71.7	20,107	22.2	5,541	6.1
Mississippi	50,116	100.0	19,780	39.5	11,342	22.6	8,438	16.8	30,336	60.5
Missouri	130,302	100.0	121,445	93.2	99,177	76.1	22,268	17.1	8,857	6.8
Montana	7,668	100.0	6,743	87.9	4,684	61.1	2,059	26.9	925	12.1
Nebraska	39,734	100.0	38,367	96.6	31,329	78.8	7,038	17.7	1,367	3.4
Nevada	6,641	100.0	5,697	85.8	4,347	65.5	1,350	20.3	944	14.2
New Hampshire	20,721	100.0	14,835	71.6	11,239	54.2	3,596	17.4	5,886	28.4
New Jersey	233,585	100.0	209,916	89.9	193,287	82.7	16,629	7.1	23,669	10.1
New Mexico	18,402	100.0	13,229	71.9	9,585	52.1	3,644	19.8	5,173	28.1
New York	583,997	100.0	512,951	87.8	429,241	73.5	83,710	14.3	71,046	12.2
North Carolina	58,592	100.0	33,987	58.0	9,323	15.9	24,664	42.1	24,605	42.0
North Dakota	10,659	100.0	9,088	85.3	8,230	77.2	858	8.0	1,571	14.7
Ohio	268,795	100.0	254,501	94.7	228,326	84.9	26,175	9.7	14,294	5.3
Oklahoma	16,335	100.0	14,117	86.4	7,381	45.2	6,736	41.2	2,218	13.6
Oregon	28,189	100.0	24,130	85.6	14,357	50.9	9,773	34.7	4,059	14.4
Pennsylvania	407,281	100.0	366,808	90.1	319,049	78.3	47,759	11.7	40,473	9.9
Rhode Island	29,875	100.0	27,232	91.2	25,015	83.7	2,217	7.4	2,643	8.8
South Carolina	49,619	100.0	25,265	50.9	7,555	15.2	17,710	35.7	24,354	49.1
South Dakota	10,898	100.0	9,108	83.6	6,882	63.1	2,226	20.4	1,790	16.4
Tennessee	72,639	100.0	51,785	71.3	15,912	21.9	35,873	49.4	20,854	28.7
Texas	152,463	100.0	134,469	88.2	83,652	54.9	50,817	33.3	17,994	11.8
Utah	5,555	100.0	3,693	66.5	3,055	55.0	638	11.5	1,862	33.5
Vermont	7,555	100.0	4,291	56.8	4,082	54.0	209	2.8	3,264	43.2
Virginia	76,084	100.0	49,277	64.8	23,060	30.3	26,217	34.5	26,807	35.2
Washington	55,950	100.0	47,049	84.1	27,356	48.9	19,693	35.2	8,901	15.9
West Virginia	12,622	100.0	11,782	93.3	8,466	67.0	3,316	26.3	840	6.7
Wisconsin	163,167	100.0	157,107	96.3	110,592	67.8	46,515	28.5	6,060	3.7
Wyoming	3,036	100.0	2,276	75.0	1,387	45.7	889	29.3	760	25.0

Table 4.--Number of 12th grade graduates, by public and private control of school and by State: 1980-81

State	Total public and private	Total public	Total private	Percent public	Percent private
Totals	3,562,898	3,263,465	299,433	91.6	8.4
Alabama	62,753	58,853	3,900	93.8	6.2
Alaska	7,906	7,731	175	97.8	2.2
Arizona	40,512	38,710	1,802	95.6	4.4
Arkansas	36,593	35,479	1,114	97.0	3.0
California	291,428	266,497	24,931	91.4	8.6
Colorado	46,953	45,093	1,860	96.0	4.0
Connecticut	53,005	44,333	8,672	83.6	16.4
Delaware	11,471	10,005	1,466	87.2	12.8
District of Columbia	7,879	6,265	1,614	79.5	20.5
Florida	128,948	118,579	10,369	92.0	8.0
Georgia	83,647	78,215	5,431	93.5	6.5
Hawaii	15,474	12,846	2,628	83.0	17.0
Idaho	14,683	14,369	314	97.9	2.1
Illinois	174,792	153,987	20,805	88.1	11.9
Indiana	90,259	84,891	5,368	94.1	5.4
Iowa	52,941	49,104	3,837	92.8	7.2
Kansas	40,196	38,385	1,811	95.5	4.5
Kentucky	61,251	56,703	4,548	92.6	7.4
Louisiana	67,833	57,960	9,873	85.4	14.6
Maine	20,073	18,183	1,890	90.6	9.4
Maryland	70,511	63,450	7,061	90.0	10.0
Massachusetts	97,280	84,420	12,860	86.8	13.2
Michigan	152,869	139,417	13,452	91.2	8.8
Minnesota	77,169	72,671	4,498	94.2	5.8
Mississippi	38,713	34,991	3,722	90.3	9.6
Missouri	79,668	72,190	7,478	90.6	9.4
Montana	15,371	14,918	453	97.1	2.9
Nebraska	29,472	26,475	2,997	89.8	10.1
Nevada	10,814	10,515	299	97.2	2.8
New Hampshire	15,989	13,838	2,151	86.5	13.5
New Jersey	126,820	112,287	14,533	88.5	11.5
New Mexico	26,201	25,270	931	96.4	3.6
New York	280,921	248,400	32,521	88.4	11.6
North Carolina	90,622	87,827	2,795	96.9	3.1
North Dakota	11,866	11,152	714	94.0	6.0
Ohio	172,645	156,876	15,769	90.9	9.1
Oklahoma	46,499	45,464	1,035	97.8	2.2
Oregon	42,243	40,472	1,771	95.8	4.2
Pennsylvania	199,814	172,977	26,837	86.6	13.4
Rhode Island	16,517	14,415	2,102	87.3	12.7
South Carolina	48,622	45,929	2,693	94.5	5.5
South Dakota	13,016	12,377	639	95.1	4.9
Tennessee	66,272	60,838	5,434	91.8	8.2
Texas	228,227	220,973	7,254	96.8	3.2
Utah	20,912	20,433	479	97.7	2.3
Vermont	2,819	1,898	921	67.3	32.7
Virginia	82,865	78,334	4,531	94.5	5.5
Washington	63,951	60,854	3,097	95.2	4.8
West Virginia	31,242	30,392	850	97.3	2.7
Wisconsin	86,639	79,648	6,991	91.9	8.1
Wyoming	7,732	7,575	157	98.0	2.0

Table 5.--Pupil-teacher ratio of public and private elementary and secondary schools, by State: October 1980

State	Total	Public pupil-teacher ratio	Private pupil-teacher ratio
Totals	18.1	18.9	17.9
Alabama	28.9	30.6	17.3
Alaska	16.4	16.6	13.4
Arizona	21.2	19.2	17.5
Arkansas	18.5	18.6	16.6
California	21.9	22.3	19.1
Colorado	18.1	18.3	15.0
Connecticut	15.3	15.4	14.9
Delaware	17.6	17.7	17.2
District of Columbia	17.7	19.1	13.1
Florida	20.0	20.4	17.4
Georgia	18.6	18.9	15.6
Hawaii	21.9	22.9	18.1
Idaho	20.4	20.5	18.7
Illinois	18.6	18.4	20.4
Indiana	19.8	19.9	19.0
Iowa	16.5	16.3	18.0
Kansas	15.8	15.8	17.0
Kentucky	20.1	20.4	18.1
Louisiana	18.0	17.7	19.4
Maine	18.1	18.9	12.0
Maryland	18.1	18.4	16.2
Massachusetts	15.6	15.7	14.9
Michigan	22.0	22.1	21.1
Minnesota	17.4	17.3	18.1
Mississippi	18.2	18.4	16.5
Missouri	17.4	17.3	17.9
Montana	16.7	16.8	15.6
Nebraska	16.7	16.7	16.5
Nevada	20.9	20.9	20.4
New Hampshire	16.8	17.2	13.8
New Jersey	16.5	16.2	17.9
New Mexico	18.9	19.2	15.6
New York	18.5	18.5	18.3
North Carolina	19.7	20.1	14.8
North Dakota	15.9	15.8	16.5
Ohio	19.5	19.5	19.3
Oklahoma	17.0	17.0	14.5
Oregon	20.3	20.6	17.0
Pennsylvania	17.8	17.5	19.4
Rhode Island	16.3	16.1	17.1
South Carolina	18.9	19.2	15.4
South Dakota	15.9	16.1	13.4
Tennessee	20.2	20.7	15.4
Texas	18.1	18.2	16.2
Utah	24.9	25.1	18.0
Vermont	14.5	14.8	11.3
Virginia	17.4	17.7	14.4
Washington	21.0	21.3	17.7
West Virginia	17.7	17.7	17.0
Wisconsin	17.4	17.1	18.8
Wyoming	15.4	15.5	13.1